



Commercial Use Authorization Conditions for: Guided 4-Wheel Drive Tours

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following provisions apply to CUAs for Guided 4-Wheel Drive Tours (*camping in backcountry is not permitted for this commercial activity*):

1. Commercial use authorizations issued by Death Valley National Park are only valid for planned and approved activities within Death Valley National Park and are not transferable to other National Park Service units.
2. Groups will notify the Death Valley National Park permits office of all proposed trips and any proposed changes to trip itineraries via a **Supplemental Activity Application** submitted to the Special Park Uses Office at least 7 days prior to proposed trip. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of a commercial use authorization as well as other associated permits.
3. CUA does not imply exclusive use of any area in the Park.
4. Group size is limited to forty (40) people per party (maximum), including guides.
5. CUA holder will employ a reasonable number of sweep riders to cover the course each day to assure that no participants become lost and to provide services to riders in need of assistance; these sweep riders are not included in the 40 participant limit.
6. Holders of a commercial use authorization will be held responsible for assuring that entry fees are paid by all participants and group leaders or guides are required to ensure that participants have paid their park entry fees.
7. Leave No Trace principles and ethics are in effect for all participants. CUA holder must provide Leave No Trace brochures to all participants. The brochure is available at: <http://lnt.org/sites/default/files/PrinciplesTrifold.pdf>
8. Group leaders and guides must currently be certified in First Aid/CPR for all guided 4X4 tours.
9. Group leaders will provide initial response to emergency medical incidents.
10. The CUA operator is responsible for notifying the Park of any accident that results in an injury requiring the care of a physician.
11. Participants will observe posted speed limits on paved roads and a 25MPH speed limit on all backcountry roads. CUA holder will be held accountable for speeding violations of participants.
12. Collecting or disturbing any animal, plant, rock or any other natural, historical or archeological feature will be prohibited.

13. Off-road travel by vehicles will be prohibited. This includes motorcycles, bicycles and four-wheel-drive vehicles. Vehicles are not permitted to park off road but may park in pre-disturbed areas along roadways and in a manner that does not prevent the flow of traffic.
14. Digging, scraping, or moving natural, historical or archeological features will be prohibited.
15. Furnishings, artifacts, and other historic objects will not be touched or moved, except by park staff. If the need to move any object is anticipated, special arrangements must be made in advance and approved by cultural resources staff.
16. Cutting of branches or removing any vegetation will be prohibited.
17. Hunting, trapping, feeding, touching, harassing, frightening or intentional disturbing wildlife will be prohibited.
18. Introducing wildlife, fish or plants, including their reproductive bodies, into the park's ecosystem will be prohibited.
19. Vehicles will be clean and free of mud and vegetation on the body and undercarriage before entering the park.
20. Viewing wildlife with artificial light will be prohibited. This includes infrared and black lights.
21. Using a mineral or metal detector in the park will be prohibited except by special permission from the Park Superintendent.
22. Attaching anything to NPS facilities, structures, rocks or vegetation will be prohibited without permission of the Park Superintendent.
23. Pets will be prohibited in wilderness areas and on any trail. Pets must be restrained on a leash which shall not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise physically confined at all times. Pets must not be left unattended in a vehicle or tied to an object.
24. All special use or commercial use activity areas will remain open to the public. Activities will not unduly interfere with other park visitors' use and enjoyment of the park, and will not block access to wayside exhibits, visitor centers, viewpoints, parking lots, or any points of interest.
25. Loud noises (exceeding 60 decibels at 50 feet in distance) will be prohibited between 10:00pm and 6:00am, and minimized at other times to protect park soundscapes.
26. Public address systems and sound amplification equipment will not be allowed unless prior permission has been requested and approved by the park's Special Use Coordinator. If approved, audio amplification may not interfere with other visitor activities.
27. Nudity in public areas will be prohibited.
28. Mylar or helium balloons will be prohibited. No release of doves, butterflies, or other living objects.
29. Stunt or high-speed driving will be prohibited. All speed limits will be obeyed.
30. Removal, moving, or obscuring park road signs, speed limit signs, or wayside signs will be prohibited.
31. Activities will not interfere with traffic (vehicle or foot traffic) for more than 5 minutes at a time. An NPS monitor may be assigned to provide traffic control as needed.
32. Smoking will be prohibited inside buildings, on boardwalks and in vegetated areas.

33. All fire safety regulations will be complied with by the permittee, including compliance with temporary closures resulting from extreme fire conditions.
34. The following areas are closed to all entry, except when accompanied by National Park Service personnel: Copper Canyon, Devils Hole, Titus Canyon Cave, Lower Vine Ranch, American Borate Company mines near Ryan, Timbisha-Shoshone tribal areas near Texas Springs Campground, Crystal Cave, , Skidoo Stamp Mill, all mines including those without an installed closure, and any facilities or buildings used for the storage, treatment, or transmission of electricity, gas, telephone, waste disposal or domestic water.
35. The permittee, in exercising the privileges granted by a permit, will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, codes, permit requirements, and conditions as well as departmental guidelines and park regulations contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulation.